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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial review, please amend the above-identified application for patent as set forth below:

In the specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 1, paragraph [0001], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This is a continuation-in-part of co-pending and commonly assigned Patent Application Serial Number 09/573,059 filed May 17, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING H-SPACE BUMP MAPPING SUITABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION WITH H-SPACE LIGHTING IN A GRAPHICS PIPELINE OF A COMPUTER GRAPHICS DISPLAY SYSTEM," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. The present invention is also related to co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/528,700 filed March 17, 2000, entitled "APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF RENDERING 3D OBJECTS WITH PARAMETRIC TEXTURE MAPS," and concurrently filed and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/921,681, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

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